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KOTARO YAMAGUCHI, et al.	:)	
Application No.: 10/660,640	:	
Filed: September 12, 2003	:	
For: SERVER APPARATUS,	:	
COMMUNICATIONS METHOD, PROGRAM FOR MAKING	:	
COMPUTER EXECUTE THE COMMUNICATIONS METHOD, AND	: :	
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE	/	
MEDIUM CONTAINING THE PROGRAM) :	January 15, 2004

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<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 5,699,511

Applicants also respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. Application:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for each of the foregoing U.S. Applications is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

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